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# Light show back in spotlight

- City council committee recommends scaling back costs of World Figure Skating Championships show
- Tourism official, mayor warn that London's chance to make an impression on the world is on the line



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After some triple Lutzes and double axels, the city council finance committee is again supporting an expensive sound and light show during the 2013 World Figure Skating Championships.

This time around, backers are saying the city's share of the cost would be no more than \$450,000 — about \$150,000 cheaper than the initial proposal. The taxpayer burden could be as low as about \$250,000 if a yet-to-be-formed spon-

sorship committee proves successful, Tourism London general manager John Winston said Monday.

Pulling the show off, Winston said, is the difference between having a "positive experience" and a "super-positive experience" during the championships.

"The addition of this feature is meant to create a world-class experience, not only for those who are visiting, but for the community as a whole," Winston told the finance and administration committee. "Basically, it's an investment in public perception" to show people

## Hosting the world

The "unfunded initiatives" in the budget for things tied to the World Figure Skating Championships include everything from fireworks to upgrading downtown street furniture. A sponsor has been found for the \$50,000 fireworks show, Mayor Joe Fontana said Monday.

that London "went that extra mile."

Councillors Denise Brown and Nancy Branscombe remained opposed to the spending during

Monday's meeting.

"I don't know how we could possibly sit here and think this is a prudent use of taxpayer money," Branscombe said, noting cuts in the 2012 budget approved last week. "While (the show) would be great ... it just can't fly, in my mind."

The idea of a show has been battled around city hall since the fall. In November, councillors approved spending about \$3.6 million to prepare for the championships, which will be at the John Labatt Centre. The sum included about \$1.5 million worth of downtown spruce-up

projects already in city budget plans and about \$2.1 million in "unfunded initiatives."

After approving the idea, councillors backed down in January when presented with a contract for producing the show. Winston's new proposal lowers the city's cost by chipping in \$150,000 from Tourism London's budget.

The proposal must still be approved by the full council, and some who aren't on the finance and administration committee have said they don't like the idea.

The issue will be brought to council's March 20 meeting.

## Out on a limb for abused women

The purple tree has become a symbol of the London Abused Women's Centre's Shine the Light on Woman Abuse campaign, which is in the running for an international award from the Avon Foundation. The award will be presented Tuesday by actress Reese Witherspoon during the World Conference of Women's Shelters in Washington, D.C. A representative from Walker's organization, along with officials from various other local groups, will be present for the announcement. More coverage, go to page 4.

## Tree. Of remembrance



► Megan Walker, executive director of the London Abused Women's Centre, looks over a tree bearing photos of women who died from domestic violence.



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## Next stop on Earth Summit

King's University College at Western University will host We Canada: Dialogue and Action for Earth Summit 2012 on Tuesday. From 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Vitali Student Lounge, the public is invited to discuss Canada's role at the June Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June. King's University College at Western University is the ninth stop on a cross-national tour launched by We Canada and the Canadian Earth Summit. **● METRO**



► Vanessa Fotheringham

## Public help needed to find woman

Police have requested help from the public in locating a missing person who was last seen in London on Thursday, Feb. 16.

Vanessa Fotheringham, 24, is described as a five-foot-three white female with long brown hair and brown eyes. According to a release, police and family are concerned about Fotheringham's welfare.

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## OPP arrests London nurse

A London nurse has been charged with administering a noxious substance to three elderly patients at a retirement home in Delaware. In January, the Middlesex Terrace Nursing Home contacted Middlesex OPP to investigate suspicious conduct concerning patient care at the home. Following an extensive police investigation, OPP arrested and charged 24-year-old Darren Smith of London. **AM980/AM980.CA**

### Methadone. Dispensary



► People are pictured Monday afternoon outside Clinic 528 on Dundas Street, one of the city's most well-known methadone dispensaries. At Metro's Monday deadline, city council's planning committee was about to begin considering rules governing new clinics.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

## City council mulls new regulations for clinics

The proposed regulations, which will be presented to all councillors on March 20, would require that such facilities have adequate waiting rooms and that they be kept away from places like schools and public arenas. Also on Monday, committee members referred a plan for a new residential development at Richmond Street and Sunningdale Road back to city staff for more information.

# City expenses, salaries made public

- Elected officials submit expense claims of more than \$108,000 for 2011
- Seventy-seven 'city administrators' earned at least \$100,000

City councillors have asked for a full accounting of mayor's office expenses for 2011.

The request — made during a Monday committee meeting — came as politicians fielded a report on spending by elected and appointed officials.

Among elected officials, Coun. Harold Usher claimed the most expenses at about \$16,770. The total includes costs associated with his work on the London Transit Commission board. Coun. Paul Van Meerbergen's expense claim was the least, at about \$420. The list puts Mayor Joe Fontana's expenses at about \$6,500. Under questioning from councillors, Fontana acknowledged the amount is actually higher when everything is added in.

"I'm prepared to offer (the total number) up," the mayor said, noting he's very "frugal."



► Joe Fontana



► Jeff Fielding



► Paul Van Meerbergen

The number councillors saw Monday basically includes entertainment expenses, such as those incurred through buying dinner for visitors to the city, city clerk Cathy Saunders said. The mayor's office budget is handled differently than those for city councillors, the clerk said, so Fontana's travel and other such expenses were not included in the initial report.

The full amount is expected to be tallied and presented during the finance and administration committee's March 26 meeting. Also on Monday, council-

lors fielded a report on city workers with salaries of \$100,000 or more last year. The report names 197 people — four more than in 2010 — and includes employees in city departments along with those at Tourism London and the London Convention Centre.

Salaries for employees of other boards and commissions will be reported at a later date. A full list will be sent to the province and made public March 31.

Members of the firefighters' union accounted for 110 of the names on the city's 2011 list.

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### The top 5

City workers with highest salaries in 2011:

- Jeff Fielding (former city manager), \$254,647.06
- Ross Fair (executive director of community services), \$205,028.65
- J. Patrick McNally (executive director of planning, environmental and engineering services), \$196,134.36
- John Kobarda (fire chief), \$174,502.56
- Veronica McAlea Major (director human resources officer), \$172,710.72

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Analysts are sounding the alarm over household-debt levels, but are the warnings overblown? Allan Small has more at **metronews.ca/investing**

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# Local work shines in Washington

► Abuse campaign up for Avon Foundation for Women award ► Nomination guarantees international exposure



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Leaders of London's Shine the Light on Woman Abuse campaign used to dream about the effort being picked up by cities across the country.

Now, they've upped the ante.

"There's hope this will go across the world," said Megan Walker, executive director of the London Abused Women's Centre.

The dream very well could become reality after this week's World Conference of Women's Shelters in Washington, D.C.

Shine the Light, which marked its second year in



► Megan Walker

November, is one of five campaigns around the globe nominated for a Breaking the Silence award from the Avon Foundation for Women.

The award will be handed out Tuesday during a conference luncheon. Other nominees include simi-

lar campaigns led by organizations from as far away as Rwanda.

While being crowned the winner will be an achievement, simply being nominated goes a long way toward highlighting the initiative. There literally will be thousands of eyes cast on Shine the Light and other local efforts to end abuse, Walker said.

Plus, she said, Shine the Light has already made at least one critical difference: shifting victims' feelings of "blame and shame" onto the shoulders of abusers.

"We had a 125 per cent increase in service demands during November," Walker said. "We accomplished our goal."

## Public helps nab drunk drivers

With the public's help, London police had a productive weekend taking drunk drivers off the streets.

A 45-year-old man was arrested on Friday afternoon at 1:15 on Wonderland Road after people called in to report a possible drunk driver. He was four times over the blood-alcohol limit and was taken to hospital. A 22-year-old man was caught going through a restaurant drive-thru.

Two other men, a 43-year-old and a 33-year-old, were also arrested for impaired driving. ● METRO

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The number of men arrested over the weekend in London for impaired driving.

## Stafford slaying



► Dirk Derstine, left, lead defence counsel for Michael Rafferty, answers media questions in front of Middlesex Court House in London on Monday.

## JURY SOUGHT FOR TRIAL OF ACCUSED CHILD KILLER

Potential jurors in the trial of a man accused of killing an eight-year-old girl are being screened today in London for a trial that could last into June.

Michael Rafferty, 31, is charged with first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping in the death of Victoria Stafford.

Tori disappeared while on her way home from school in Woodstock on April 8, 2009, and her

body was found three months later.

Terri-Lynne McClintic, now 21, has already been convicted of first-degree murder in the girl's death.

The first group of 119 people called for jury duty appeared before Superior Court Judge Thomas Heeney this morning and 85 people were excused for reasons such as financial hardship or medical issues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Shannen's Dream comes closer to reality

- Campaign started by teen who died in car accident
- Bill would improve First Nations education to provincial standards

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► Chelsea Edwards, friend of the late Shannen Koostachin, and Shannen's father Andrew at a press conference on Parliament Hill in Ottawa Monday.

A teenage student from Attawapiskat was in Ottawa Monday to witness what could be a major turning point in her campaign to improve education in First Nations across the country.

Sixteen-year-old Chelsea Edwards is the face of the Shannen's Dream campaign, named after her good friend Shannen Koostachin, who died in a car accident in 2010.

Like Shannen, Chelsea wants to see her reserve and many others like it gain the wherewithal to build a solid school and provide an education that is as good as what non-native kids would get off-reserve.

**"I'm hoping that the federal government will actually put words into action and step up to the plate and say enough is enough."**

CHELSEA EDWARDS, STUDENT AND ACTIVIST

A House of Commons vote that was planned for Monday evening could take her a step closer.

The Conservatives seem prepared to support an NDP motion calling for funding that would put First Nations schools on an equal footing with provincial schools.

"Knowing that they'll be debating it in the House of Commons, it's a huge thing. It will get passed,"

the soft-spoken, yet clearly determined, Grade 11 student said in an interview Sunday. "I hope it's a dramatic win."

Chelsea went to elementary classes in a collection of chilly portables next to contaminated land on her reserve near James Bay.

Those conditions prompted Shannen, also from Attawapiskat, to spearhead a student-led lobbying campaign for decent

schools and education. Four years ago, Shannen confronted then-Indian Affairs minister Chuck Strahl and was nominated for an International Children's Peace Prize. She died in a car accident in 2010 at the age of 15.

Chelsea, with the help of her MP Charlie Angus, picked up where Shannen left off.

The Conservatives say they are ready to back Angus's motion lending their support to a statement that would commit the government to doing whatever it takes to bring First Nations schools up to par. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Foreign Affairs: Best to pack your (fake) hubby overseas

Single Canadian women travelling alone who don't want to be hit on by strange men should wear a fake wedding ring and have a photo handy of their imaginary husband, says a new travel guide issued by Foreign Affairs Canada.

The tips, included in a safe-travel guide entitled *Her Own Way — A Woman's Safe-travel Guide* and released by the government ministry earlier this month, are designed to keep women safe, especially if they are travelling by themselves.

"Wear a (fake) wedding ring. Also carry a photo of your husband (or an imaginary one), which you can show to persistent suitors. Being seen as married will lower your profile and stave off uninvited advances," states the guide under the heading of *Avoiding Sexual Harassment*.

B.C. NDP MP Jenny Sims admitted she at first giggled when she read about the phoney-wedding-ring directive.

"Every step we take to protect women is good .... but I must admit I had a bit

### Travel tips

- **Lock doors.** If travelling by car, always lock the doors to prevent carjackers and thieves from getting in with you. Fill up the tank when half empty to avoid running out of gas in unsafe areas.
- **Be aware.** Stay alert and aware of your surroundings. Minimize alcohol consumption and don't use, carry or get involved in illegal drugs.
- **Careful at night.** Take extra precautions if you go out at night. Understand that, in many parts of the world "decent" women don't go out alone after dark.
- **Wear a scarf.** If you are fair-haired in a country where most women are dark-skinned you may attract unwanted attention. Consider wearing a scarf or hat.

of a giggle as well," said Sims, the NDP's deputy critic for Foreign Affairs.

The guide recommends that women not wear mini-skirts or tank tops if the fashion is not common in the country being visited.

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## Ontario appeals gun sentence

An Ontario judge was wrong to declare a mandatory minimum sentence unconstitutional and "cruel and unusual punishment," the province writes in starting an appeal of the ruling.

Superior Court Judge

Anne Molloy struck down a three-year minimum sentence for a first offence of illegally possessing a loaded gun earlier this month, running directly contrary to the position Ottawa is taking with sentencing.

In the case before Molloy, Toronto man Leroy Smickle was taking pictures of himself for his Facebook account posing with a loaded gun when police burst into an apartment looking for someone else. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

### Sentence 'unfit'

The five-month conditional sentence imposed on Smickle is "demonstrably unfit," the Ontario government writes. Premier Dalton McGuinty has said he supports mandatory minimums for all gun offences.

## Many offer a home to dog that killed newborn

Animal lovers from across the country are volunteering to adopt a pet husky that killed a newborn baby in southern Alberta.

At least a dozen people have made requests through the city of Airdrie and many more have sent messages to the baby's parents.

The two-day-old baby boy was bitten Feb. 15 in the couple's home in the bedroom community north of Calgary. He died later that night in hospital.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## Premiers trade barbs over oilsands

Alberta Premier Alison Redford says she is surprised and a little disappointed by comments from her Ontario counterpart over the oilsands.

Redford was reacting to comments from Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, who publicly rejected her calls to do more to advocate for the oilsands.

McGuinty said the booming industry means a higher Canadian dollar, which hurts Ontario's manufacturing sector and exports.

**THE CANADIAN PRESS**

## MOTION PASSED

## MPs agree to support robocall probe

The House of Commons unanimously passed a motion Monday calling on all MPs to do everything they can to aid an investigation into alleged vote suppression during last spring's election.

The NDP motion asks all MPs to turn over to the RCMP and Elections Canada all information they have on the "despicable" phone campaign aimed at discouraging opposition supporters from voting.

The motion also asks all parties to immediately turn over all documents related to the investigation.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservatives supported the motion, even though it's

their party that's been accused of conducting the dirty-tricks phone campaign, in which voters in several dozen ridings were either harassed or given false information on the location of polling stations.

The Tories deny the charges.

"The calls in question are calls the Conservative Party of Canada placed to its own supporters," Harper said during question period.

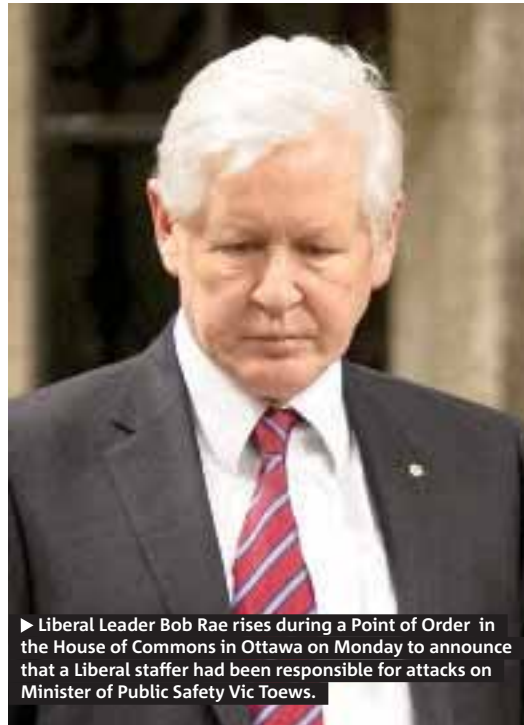
"If the NDP has any information that inappropriate calls were placed, and we certainly have information in some cases and we have given that to Elections Canada, then I challenge that party to produce that information and give it to Elections Canada."

Commons Speaker Andrew Scheer rejected a Liberal request for an emergency debate on the controversy since Elections Canada and the police are already investigating the matter.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Grits take blame for Vikileaks

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► Liberal Leader Bob Rae rises during a Point of Order in the House of Commons in Ottawa on Monday to announce that a Liberal staffer had been responsible for attacks on Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews.

## ► Rae reveals one of his staffers was behind Toews-baiting campaign

A Liberal party researcher has resigned for tweeting salacious information about Public Safety Minister Vic Toews to protest the government's online surveillance bill.

Interim Liberal Leader Bob Rae told a stunned House of Commons that one of his staffers was responsible for creating the Vikileaks30 Twitter account that circulated alleged details of Toews' divorce.

Rae said the offending staffer — later identified as Adam Carroll — had resigned, and the leader extended a full apology to Toews.

"I discussed the matter with that individual this morning. He offered his resignation and I've accepted his resignation," Rae told the Commons.

Rae said one of the

**"I want to offer to the minister my personal apology to him for the conduct of the member of my staff."**

INTERIM LIBERAL LEADER BOB RAE

things that makes public life difficult is when "political attacks become personal."

Two weeks ago, Toews was pilloried on the web over his sponsorship of the controversial Internet surveillance bill.

The legislation has alarmed civil libertarians because it would allow authorities access to Internet subscriber information — including name, address, telephone number and email address — without a warrant. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Investigators look to black box for clues in VIA derailment

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► Flowers and a sign are seen Monday near the crash site of the VIA Rail train derailment in Burlington, Ont.

Railway officials grappled Monday with the deaths of three of their own in a "rare" deadly passenger-train derailment as investigators focused on a black box that captured the crew's final moments — crucial evidence in the case.

Three locomotive engineers were killed in Sunday's devastating crash in Burlington, Ont., west of Toronto. It was the first time in more than a decade

that VIA Rail employees were killed aboard one of the company's trains in a derailment.

Two of the engineers, Peter Snarr, 52, and Ken Simmonds, 56, both of Toronto, were experienced drivers, each with more than 30 years in the industry, VIA said. A trainee, Patrick Robinson, 40, of Cornwall, Ont., joined them in the cab to observe, though investigators haven't ruled out the

possibility that he was driving at some point.

As investigators pored over the wreckage, the head of VIA Rail said the derailment that killed the men and injured 45 passengers has sent shockwaves through the close-knit company. In an afternoon visit to the site, VIA president and CEO Marc Laliberté called the collision "tragic," but stressed it was a rare occurrence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Safety record

- Hundreds of non-fatal derailments are reported each year, the majority of them involving freight trains on secondary lines.
- The most recent deaths recorded aboard a VIA Rail train were in 1999. Two engineers were killed after a train jumped the tracks and plowed into parked freight cars in Thamesville, Ont.



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# 1 dead in Ohio school shooting

► 4 others wounded in attack at suburban high school ► Student described as an outcast arrested ► Charges not immediately laid

A teenager opened fire in the cafeteria at his suburban high school Monday, killing one student and wounding four others before he was chased from the building by a teacher and captured a short distance away, authorities said.

A student who saw the attack up close said it appeared that the gunman

targeted a group of students sitting together and that the one who was killed was gunned down while trying to duck under the cafeteria table.

FBI officials would not comment on a motive. Police Chief Tim McKenna said authorities "have a lot of homework to do yet" in their investigation of the shooting, which sent stu-

dents screaming through the halls at the start of the school day at Chardon High.

Teachers locked down their classrooms as they had been trained to do during drills, and students took cover as they waited for the all-clear in the town of 5,100 people 48 kilometres from Cleveland. One teacher was said to have

dragged a wounded student into his classroom for protection. Another chased the gunman out of the building, police said.

The suspect, whose name was not released because he is a juvenile, was arrested near his car a half-kilometre away, the FBI said. He was not immediately charged.

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# U.K.'s Sun paid sources, police say

- Accusation follows launch of Sunday edition
- Inquiry shifts from press practices to corruption

Rupert Murdoch's top-selling U.K. tabloid, The Sun, had a culture of making illegal payments to corrupt public officials in return for stories, a senior police officer said Monday, as Murdoch announced that the paper's first-ever Sunday edition had sold more than three-million copies.

Sue Akers, a Metropolitan Police deputy assistant commissioner, told Britain's media ethics inquiry that the newspaper openly referred to paying its sources and that such payments had been authorized at a senior level.

Her comments came the day Murdoch's company paid former teen singing sensation Charlotte Church \$949,020 in a phone-hacking settlement for violating

her and her family's privacy.

Akers said Sun journalists had paid not only police officers but also military, health and other government officials. One official received a total of \$126,536 over several years, Akers said, and one journalist had been given more than \$237,255 in cash to pay his sources. She said payments went far beyond acceptable practices such as buying




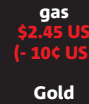
sources a meal or a drink.

"A network of corrupted officials" had provided The Sun with stories that were mostly "salacious gossip," said Akers, who is in charge of a police investigation into phone hacking and police bribery.

Akers did not indicate when or if the payments had ended, but Murdoch insisted that practices at The Sun have now changed.

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## Market moment

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## U.S. business travel up in Canada

Statistics Canada says business travellers from abroad made 650,000 overnight trips to Canada during the third quarter of 2011, up 1.4 per cent from the same quarter in 2010, with Americans accounting for the increase. The number of American overnight business visits rose 6.3 per cent, to 472,500, while business travel from overseas countries fell 9.6 per cent. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Battery maker blamed for lead poisoning

As Shanghai authorities and battery maker Johnson Controls clash over what caused a spate of lead poisoning cases, families of the dozens of children recovering from the contamination are fretting over future risks. Shanghai has prohibited the U.S.-battery maker from resuming lead-processing following a probe that blames the company for excess lead emissions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Proview won't back down over iPad trademark

When businessman Rowell Yang Long-san launched his own iPad-branded device in 2000, a decade before Apple's iPad, he said it received an "overwhelming market response." But, Proview failed to hit the market sweet spot and is now deeply in debt. The company still claims trademark ownership in China over the iPad and is fighting it on multiple fronts. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Picture. Screen



► A man draws a picture on a new Samsung Galaxy Note at the Mobile World Congress, the world's largest mobile-phone trade show, in Barcelona on Monday.

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## Spain plays host to host of phones

# Germany gives nod to Greece's second bailout

MICHAEL SOHN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The German parliament approved a second, \$173-billion US loan package for Greece on Monday after Chancellor Angela Merkel warned lawmakers that it would be irresponsible to abandon the country to bankruptcy.

Although the motion was always expected to be easily approved — the final tally Monday was 496-90 with five abstentions — the idea of bailing out Greece has remained very unpopular in Germany, Europe's biggest economy, among the public and politicians.

"The road that lies in front of Greece is long and truly not without risk," Merkel told lawmakers before the vote. "That also goes for the success of the



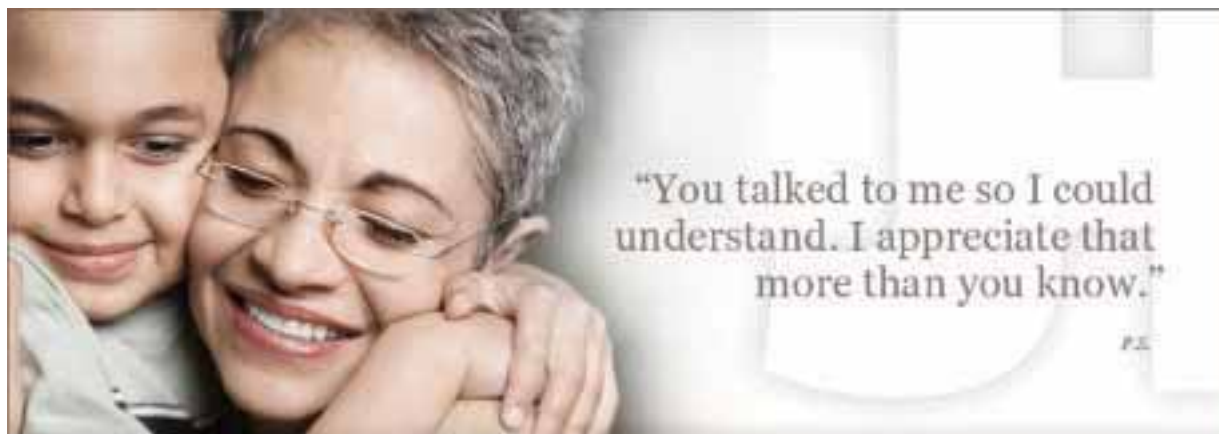
► German Chancellor Angela Merkel

wrong way. Merkel acknowledged that some people ask "whether Greece isn't a bottomless pit, whether it wouldn't be better for all if Greece reintroduced the drachma." She insisted that "the opportunities outweigh the risks of turning away from Greece now — I believe these risks are incalculable and therefore irresponsible."

new program — no one can give a 100 per cent guarantee of success."

Earlier Monday, the mass-circulation Bild daily, which has always taken a very hard line on Greece, plastered the word "STOP!" over its front page. Its message to lawmakers was: "Don't keep on going the

This is Greece's second rescue package in less than two years. It involves private-sector investors accepting total losses of more than 70 per cent on their bonds, along with tough new austerity measures. Greece has been surviving since May 2010 on an initial \$148-billion package of rescue loans. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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# LOOKING FOR LOVE IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA

## SHE SAYS ...

JESSICA NAPIER  
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We all have our vices. Some people smoke, some drink, some binge on Oreos. My sin of choice is a not-so-healthy interest in (ahem, obsession with) bad reality television, particularly *The Bachelor*.

I remember watching the first episode of the now-infamous dating show in high school. Ten years and 16 seasons later, I still love watching doe-eyed dental hygienists compete for the affections of rose-wielding Prince Charmings.

Knowing the success rate of these made-for-TV romances, you have to wonder who on Earth would ever sign up for this show?

When the national casting call for *The Bachelor Canada* came to town, I knew I had to stop by. I needed to find out how so many smart, successful, attractive women end up looking for love in the most public and potentially humiliating way possible.

When I arrived at the auditions, I was surprised and a bit disappointed to enter a room full of normal-looking

ladies. No crazy models or emotional basket cases, just average women dressed in their best first-date outfits. Where were the vapid fame whores, the mentally unstable divorcees, the hopelessly romantic cheerleaders, and why weren't any of them in evening gowns?

None of the women I saw were past their primes — many of them were barely of legal drinking age — so why were they resorting to reality television in order to find *The One*?

Rachel, a 29-year-old banker, told me that it just happens to be the right timing for her. "I'm pretty adventurous," she said, "so why not give it a try?"

Personally, I can think of a million reasons why, but I had to admire her confidence.

But how do these hopeful contestants plan on dealing with the pressure and the inevitable infighting that comes along with this not-so-monogamous dating situation? Twenty-eight-year-old Barbra told me that she might not get along with everyone on the show, but she plans on treating it like a job. "You don't necessarily like your co-workers," she said. "But you make an effort to tolerate them in order to get the job done." Maybe that's true, but your co-workers aren't hooking up with your boyfriend in an adjacent hot tub.

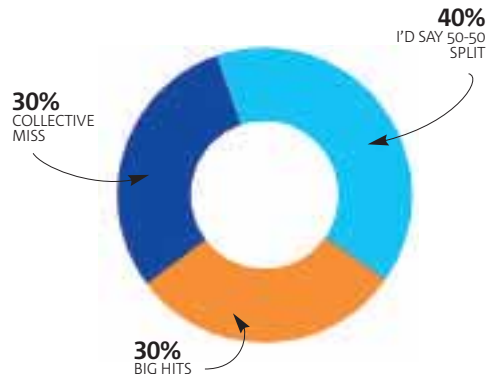
Ultimately, most of the hopeful bachelorettes were pretty sincere and genuinely hoping to fall in love. I guess if you haven't met anyone through your friends and you've failed at online dating, going in front of the camera to look for Mr. Right is just the next logical option for today's single ladies.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at [metronews.ca/shesays](http://metronews.ca/shesays)



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### Oscar 2012 fashion — hit or miss?



### Local tweets



- ▶ **@jrowe22:** Couldn't ask for a more perfect day in #ldnont #beauty
- ▶ **@DJKid\_A:** London followers: Make sure you prepare for March 24th. I want to see you all. It will be a night to remember. #ldnont
- ▶ **@m\_sak:** The week after spring break: a period of time when #UWO appears to be multicultural #veddyveddytanned #mon
- ▶ **@megankestner:** Spotted: dr mike in a vintage motorcycle jacket, ripped acid wash jeans and the tan of the century. #stylewatch #westernu
- ▶ **@LdnOntTV:** Has spring sprung #LdnOnt ? Get outside & see for yourself!
- ▶ **@KDGrainger:** #WesternU #MIT midterm this afternoon, not sure what to expect. Wish me luck!
- ▶ **@sunayas:** If Mark Hunter was working the NHL deadline he would have already acquired Rick Nash for a 2nd in 2034, some kid in Jr. B & a box of timbits
- ▶ **@titusferguson:** Is there a good printing company in #ldnont that can do stickers with a fast turnaround time?

### Daily Zoom



## The mystic river

### River looks like unearthly tree

**ICELAND.** With an eerily enchanting landscape, this stunning photo looks like it was taken on an alien planet. But it was actually captured aboard a Cessna light aircraft flying over Iceland. Here, what appears to be a tree is in fact a river running in many different streams. **MWN**

**"There were many challenges. The first was whether I was able to endure the stress of flying in a tiny, vibrating aircraft that would dip suddenly on hitting the air currents."**

SANDRO SANTIOLI, PHOTOGRAPHER

### Shooting Iceland

- ▶ Racking up air miles. Santoli spent 70 hours of flight time to capture his images.
- ▶ Coping with the elements. Windows had to be kept open for the flight, but extreme cold then entered the cabin.



▶ Santoli's favourite photo? The Blue Lagoon (pictured above). It's of hot springs, but from above it looks like ants in milk.



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# The leg that launched a thousand memes

## Angelina Jolie's Oscar stance still subject of much discussion

It's two days after the Oscars and the world isn't talking about how Billy Crystal did as a host (meh!), who won (The Artist! A lot!), or who lost (Viola

Davis, you were robbed!).

Nope. The world is focused on one thing: Angelina Jolie's leg.

Her awkward red carpet stance, in which she made

sure her right leg was constantly on display through the slit in her black velvet Atelier Versace gown, is a pose that has launched a thousand Internet memes.

There's a Twitter handle — @AngiesRightLeg — that is nearing 15,000 followers with tweets like, "You have to admit I'm one hell of a leg!" and also a Tumblr account entitled "Angelina Jolie'ing," where readers can upload photos of themselves showing off their ashy thighs.

There's no reason for why she stood like that, time and time again. (My theory: Her bony leg was poking out to sniff around for a sandwich.)

But perhaps the funniest mocking of the leg came from The Descendants co-writer Jim Rash, who hit the stage with Alexander Payne and Nat Faxon to accept the award for Best Adapted Screenplay. The look was quickly imitated by Rash and Faxon, but the scribes insist they weren't mocking the actress.

## THE WORD

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"She's supremely hot," Faxon said backstage at the awards show, while Rash was quick to explain his

actions: "I just saw her pose and I thought, you know what, we have exactly the same legs," the writer, who also stars in the sitcom Community, said. "It was more like, 'Oh, she's standing great, I'm going to stand like that, too.'"

Rash better watch it. No one mocks Angelina Jolie in front of her face and gets away with it. The last person to do that was Billy Bob Thornton, and we're pretty sure he's currently working at a Cracker Barrel in Parissapany, N.J.



► Angelina Jolie

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# How to \$tay \$ane

► You worry about money — maybe a little too much ► Charles Richards, psychotherapist and author of *The Psychology of Wealth*, tells us how to find the balance

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On this page, we often write about relationships — with food, exercise, significant others. But it's time we addressed a topic that's equally influential, and sometimes completely dysfunctional: your relationship with money.

According to Charles Richards, author of *The Psychology of Wealth*, money doesn't just indicate power, but has power — we are infused by its energy. And if you're not prepared to manage that energy constructively, it will manage you, often negatively. Here are four typical situations on how to deal.

#### **I've lost my job and my money. How can I find the will to live?**

"Situations can change in a heartbeat, so when your identity is tied to what you have or what you do, it's a dangerous place to live from," says Richards. "If

being rich, popular and successful gives you meaning and for some tragic reason you can't be that person anymore, you could think your life is over. Connect with a deeper part of yourself (spiritual belief or meditation) that goes beyond what you have and what you do."

#### **I'm petrified of failure.**

"Don't let fear of failure stop you from moving forward," says Richards. "Successful people fail many times but they just persevere and take full responsibility for what is going on. Failure is a problem but there's always a way out of it, just as long as you use a little initiative to find out what that is."

#### **All I want in life is to make money. Is that healthy?**

"You can be rich financially but have a poverty of soul if that wealth is just self-serving. Anyone aiming for greater financial success should serve a higher purpose (philanthropic or spiritual, environmental or health)

### The biggest losers

One third of multi-million dollar lottery winners lose all their new-found wealth — and often end up worse off than before they won.

**\$5.4M** Evelyn Adams hit the jackpot twice but that didn't stop her from wasting winnings on her gambling addiction. She ended up broke and living in a trailer park.

or strive to empower others."

#### **All this recession talk is making me anxious. How can I stay upbeat despite the current financial turmoil?**

Stop listening to the messages of doom and gloom all the time. "Do you want it to be your reality? No, so shut out the drumbeat that comes from the media. Yes, there's a reality to what's going on but if you allow yourself to be influ-

**\$1.9M** Welshman Luke Pittard spent it all on a trip to the Canary Islands, a house and a wedding. And just 18 months later he was flipping burgers at McDonalds.

enced by the media bombardment about financial meltdown and hardship then it's going to become a reality for you. Don't assume it's going to become your truth and it won't."

#### **I'm in financial trouble — I can't think, I can't sleep and I'm super stressed!**

You can't ignore the practical reality. You have to face it head on.

"Make a plan with clear

**\$93K** Lindsay Lohan didn't exactly win the lottery but being a child star is similar in the luck department. Celebrity website TMZ reports that the actress hasn't paid her 2009 income tax, let alone 2012.

goals to ease the stress and turn the situation around. This will take discipline, delayed gratification, practical thinking and decision-making. Financial challenges can be positive in that they stimulate creativity as you are forced to find a way out. Once your self worth is healthier you tend to be more expansive in your thinking. You won't be successful until you are willing to take responsibility."



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### Up trend

#### **Adele**

Throat surgery may have stopped her from singing, but not from swearing. The rumour she was taking a five-year break from singing is false — phew. We just want her to keep dating bad boys and keep getting dumped so she can keep on making albums for us to enjoy.



Health Canada reviewing MS drug Gilenya, linked to 11 deaths outside Canada

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# Art of pairing beer and bites

► London Ale House serves a variety of booze and fare that complements it



► Pulled Pork Strudel (\$12.75).

## LUNCH RUSH

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Despite the Ale House's gaudy exterior of beer signs, I decide

to try the low-key eatery.

Long and narrow with an incredible back patio, it is dominated by wooden

floors, small booths and shell-strewn floors.

As expected, the beer selection is vast. I crunch on complimentary peanuts and peruse the large menu. Many dishes feature duck. Skipping past sandwiches, I order Mozzarella Triangles (\$8.76) and Pulled Pork Strudel (\$12.75).

Deep-fried and panko-coated, my crispy and gooey selection is made from scratch but served

with bland marinara.

The heavy strudel is deliciously sweet with buttery pastry that surrounds saucy tender pork and more cheese. My choice of excellent, creamy Clam Chowder could have been better substituted with a lighter salad.

Do not let first impressions deceive you. London Ale House offers a good

range of beer-themed fare that is ideal for pairing and sharing.

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## Indian Raita Slaw



### Preparation:

**1** In bowl, combine yogurt, mayonnaise, cucumber, lime juice, honey, cumin seeds, mint and pepper, mixing well. Add cabbage and carrot; toss to coat.

**2** Chill for at least 1 hour before serving. Toss again before serving.

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### Ingredients:

- 175 ml (3/4 cup) plain yogurt
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely diced cucumber
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lime juice
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) honey
- 7 ml (1 1/2 tsp) toasted cumin seeds
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh mint
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) freshly ground black pepper
- 1 L (4 cups) shredded green cabbage
- 1 carrot, coarsely grated

# Succulent & warming

► Chicken Korma is a popular Indian stew that makes for a flavourful meal ► Serve it with basmati rice

### Preparation:

**1** In bowl, combine coriander, cumin, turmeric, salt, and black and cayenne peppers. Cut chicken thighs into 3 pieces; toss with spice

mix to coat.  
**2** In a deep non-stick large skillet, heat oil over medium heat; cook onions, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes or until

browned. Add garlic, ginger, bay leaves and cardamom pods, if using; cook for 5 minutes. Add chicken; cook, stirring, for about 5 minutes or until lightly browned.

### Ingredients:

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) each ground coriander and ground cumin
- 5 ml (1 tsp) turmeric
- 5 ml (1 tsp) each salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) cayenne

- pepper
- 1 kg (2 lb) boneless, skinless chicken thighs
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) vegetable oil
- 2 onions, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) finely chopped fresh ginger
- 2 bay leaves

- 8 whole green cardamom pods (optional)
- 250 ml (1 cup) canned crushed tomatoes
- 250 ml (1 cup) sodium-reduced chicken broth
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) 35% whipping cream
- Chopped fresh coriander

**3** Add tomatoes and broth; bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for about 15 minutes or until juices run clear when chicken

is pierced. Add cream; cook, uncovered, for 5 minutes. Serve sprinkled with chopped coriander, if using. **FOODLAND ONTARIO/ THE CANADIAN**

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You only have until tomorrow to make your RRSP contribution for the 2011 tax year; Feb. 29, 2012 is the official deadline.

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To help figure out if it's worth it, see an adviser or ask an accountant.

The largest benefit of an RRSP loan is that the more you contribute, the more you'll earn through compounded returns.

Let's say you decide not to borrow \$10,000 to maximize your RRSP at age 30. That \$10,000 compounded at nine per cent for 25 years

adds up to \$86,000 before tax when you're 55. Thus, you would miss out on \$76,000 of compounded returns.

Meanwhile, your \$10,000 RRSP loan at six per cent interest, paid off over 12 months, would cost you less than \$350 in interest. Calculate your own borrowing scenario on bankrate.com.

You're a good candidate for an RRSP loan if:

- You don't have enough cash to make an RRSP contribution by Feb. 29, 2012
- You have a job and can afford to pay the loan off within 12 months
- You have left over contribution room within your RRSP
- You don't have significant consumer debt; in excess of \$5,000.

Keep in mind that the credit applications for an RRSP loan are subject to meeting the financial institution's lending criteria.

Using borrowed money to finance the purchase of investments within your RRSP is riskier than using cash. So make sure you're comfortable with this risk.

If you borrow to invest in your RRSP, negotiate for the best interest rate, read the fine print on the contract, and ensure you can afford the monthly payments.



► Short on cash? An RRSP loan might make sense for you.

# Buying a house is all about good bones

## ON MONEY

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It used to be that prospective homebuyers would zero in on three places while searching for added value — kitchen,

bathroom and rec room.

A kitchen island, separate shower and finished basement, preferably with a tiki bar, were guaranteed to draw offers.

Then along came whirlpool tubs, children's wings, great rooms and soaring foyers.

But what comes around goes away in the real estate market. Today, value-conscious buyers and profit-conscious builders are opting for less is more.

**"When home shopping focus on good bones to achieve the best bang for your real estate buck."**

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On the wane are sunrooms, outdoor kitchens, two-storey family rooms and media rooms.

But popular once again are basics such as well-planned spaces, storage and functional (not necessarily fancy) outdoor areas.

The lesson for those house shopping this spring — in the still mostly vibrant Canadian real estate market — is to spend your money on features that are difficult or expensive to add later.

The right choices now will pay off when you become a seller.

According to a 2011 AVIDBuilder.com survey, Canadian buyers are most eager for the following three home features or qualities:

1. Efficiency The soaring foyer may look great but



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give it a pass if re-sale value is important.

Two-storey rooms and open fireplaces also have reduced appeal because of rising heating costs.

2. Spaces not rooms The number of rooms or overall square-footage is less important than how they fit together.

Increasingly buyers are drawn by a home's flow and utility rather than its statistics.

3. Green, green, green This includes not only energy efficiency in windows, appliances and insulation, but also green building products to reduce or eliminate concerns over toxicity.

There are three specific home features Canadians adore:

1. Walk-in closets
2. Linen closets
3. Family-style kitchens

While the survey was primarily focused on features desired by Canadians shopping for homes south of the border, they hold true in every real estate market over time.

Conspicuous consumption in a home can appeal temporarily, but if you are shopping for the best value, pay attention to the basics.

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Now for the dilemma: I intended to give to the neighbours both the old and the new toboggan. But my husband

thought, since we are replacing the old one with a new one, we should keep the old one. This has become an interesting debate in our neighbourhood now, with every man on the street indicating they would keep the old one (just like an insurance company pays you money for your damaged car and then keeps the car). Every woman on the street thinks that the original should be returned, though (we didn't own the original, so we can't just claim it as ours. As well, it is still 'useable' — so why should I end up making a 'profit' from damaging the origi-

nal and get to have a spare board now). Can you help? Thank you! Julia

Dear Julia,

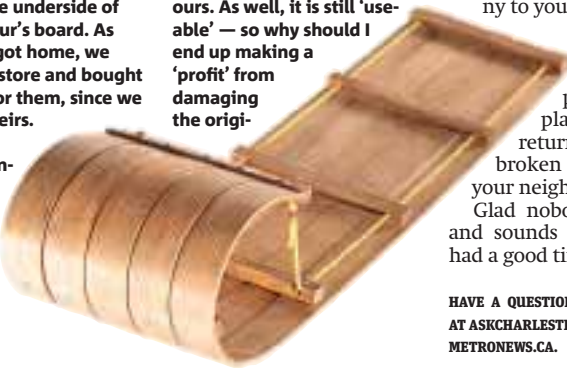
I don't know why but this seems like such a simple and clear-cut discussion. No, you cannot keep the damaged toboggan because you are not an insurance company, and your neighbour did not have this item insured with you.

Thus you cannot apply the same rules and logic from the insurance company to yourself.

It was absolutely correct to purchase a replacement and return the new and broken toboggan to your neighbour.

Glad nobody was hurt, and sounds like everyone had a good time!

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#### For the insanely #happy

Drop everything you're doing, tell someone you underappreciate to do the same, and then treat them to a surprise day or manicures, movie — something you wouldn't normally do on a Tuesday.

#### AND FINALLY

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# Challenging 'the big boys'

► Predators make moves with eyes on Stanley Cup ► Kostitsyn brothers reunited in Tennessee

The Nashville Predators and Vancouver Canucks added some reinforcements for a playoff run, while Rick Nash's wish for a deal didn't come to fruition Monday as the NHL trade deadline passed without any blockbuster moves.

Having won a playoff series for the first time in franchise history a year ago, the Predators are looking to take the next step by beefing up the offence with left-winger Andrei Kostitsyn and two-way forward Paul Gaustad. Nashville also acquired defenceman Hal Gill earlier this month and sits in fifth place in the Western Conference.

"I think with these trades we've certainly given us a chance to play with the big boys this year when we get in the playoffs," Predators general manager David Poile said.

The Canucks, sitting atop the NHL standings with 19 games left in the regular season, made three deals that added four players: Checking-line centre Samuel Pahlsson, rookie forward Zack Kassian, defenceman Marc-Andre Gragnani and forward Andrew Gordon.

The Predators spent the future for the present, sending a 2012 first-round draft pick and a 2013 fourth-round pick to the Buffalo Sabres for Gaustad. Kostitsyn, who will be reunited with his brother Sergei in Nashville, came from Montreal for a second-round



► Brothers Andrei, left, and Sergei Kostitsyn, once teammates in Montreal, will join forces again in Nashville.

and conditional fifth-round pick in 2013.

The Blue Jackets did make one move, sending Pahlsson to the Canucks for minor-league defenceman Taylor Ellington and two 2012 fourth-round picks.

Vancouver also shipped rookie centre Cody Hodgson to Buffalo for Kassian. Defenceman Alexander Sulzer also went to the Sabres for Gragnani.

Vancouver's third trade

**"Everybody pays their prices at different times. Most clubs pay big money at July 1. We haven't been too notorious in doing that."**

PREDATORS GM DAVID POILE

sent defenceman Sebastian Erixon to the Anaheim Ducks for Gordon.

In other moves Monday:

— Boston acquired forward Brian Rolston and defenceman Mike Mottau from the New York Islanders for prospects Yannick Riendeau and Marc Cantin.

— San Jose received left-winger T.J. Galiardi, left-winger Daniel Winnik and a 2013 seventh-round pick from Colorado for left-winger Jamie McGinn, centre Mike Sgarbossa and left-

winger Mike Connolly.

— Edmonton sent defenceman Tom Gilbert to the Wild for blue-liner Nick Schultz. Schultz, the longest-tenured athlete among Minnesota's four major professional teams, was teary-eyed when he spoke to reporters.

"Basically all I know is being here, playing here and being part of this team," he said.

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## Nash stays put



The Columbus Blue Jackets have kept their captain — for now.

- Rick Nash will finish the season in Columbus despite asking general manager Scott Howson to be traded.
- "The price was too high and I don't apologize for that," Howson told reporters at Nationwide Arena in Columbus.
- Howson said Nash requested a trade sometime in late January, a move he said took a while to digest.
- But the GM, whose team has the league's worst record, added that the Blue Jackets "don't have to trade Rick Nash."

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**"People start gravitating your way when you start having success."**

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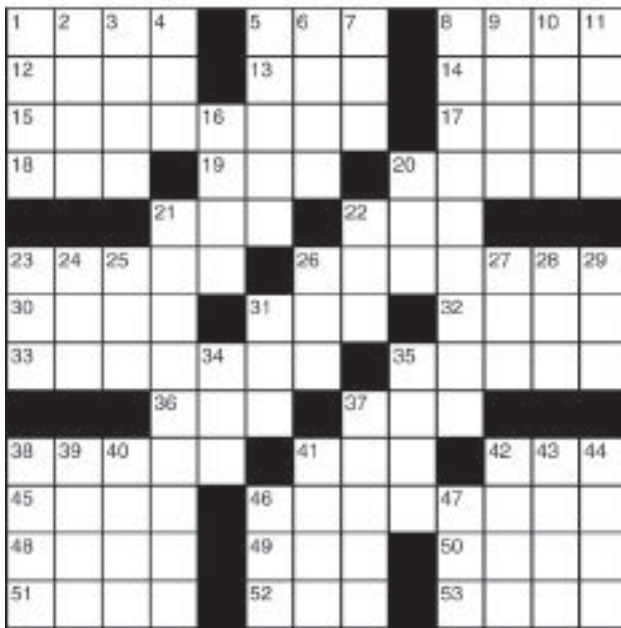
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### Across

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5 — out (relax)  
8 Applaud  
12 Others (Lat.)  
13 Mrs. McKinley  
14 Helper  
15 Dracula's ilk  
17 Nasty  
18 Before  
19 Fellows  
20 Reject disdainfully  
21 Quid pro —  
22 3, on the phone  
23 Counterfeit  
26 Spoke highly of  
30 Met melody  
31 Bliss  
32 Italy's capital  
33 "Oh, what a —  
web we weave ..."  
35 Underneath  
36 Wrestling surface  
37 Storefront sign  
abbr.  
38 DJ's creation  
41 Twosome  
42 Ostrich's cousin  
45 Tresses  
46 Shortcircuits the  
ignition  
48 Slave to cross-  
words?  
49 Joan of —  
50 Workbench attach-  
ment  
51 Nays' opponents  
52 — jongg  
53 12 months  
**Down**  
1 Greet silently  
2 Winged  
3 Key — pie  
4 Once around the  
track



- 5 Migratory songbird  
6 Biblical garden  
7 Petrol  
8 S'mores are often  
cooked over them  
9 Stead  
10 Jewish month  
11 Teller's partner  
16 Don of radio fame  
20 Vast expanse  
21 Marshes  
22 Parched  
23 Cudgel  
24 Man-mouse link  
25 Martini ingredient  
26 Spacecraft com-  
partment

- 27 Scale member  
28 Comedian Philips  
29 Morning moisture  
31 Lustrous black  
34 Remiss  
35 Forehead  
37 Starsky's pal  
38 Perlman of  
"Cheers"  
39 Simple  
40 Gold digger's  
place?  
41 Nickelodeon's ex-  
plorer  
42 Great Lake  
43 Arizona city  
44 Addict

- 46 Easter entree, often  
47 Wall climber

### Monday's answer



## Sudoku



## How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

### Monday's answer



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Been a long time since I dreamed of you. Woke up to your fading face this morn, & I struggled to hold onto the sight. They say it was lust, but I remember feeling more. Wonder when I will hear from you or have the good fortune of laying eyes on you again, even if in passing. I know it's wrong, but it felt so right.

FROM NATURALLY ALL-BRAN

### To BT

Do everything by your heart originally you will be stronger.

FROM AL

### my love

you know you got the power to make me weak inside! Even forever doesn't seem like long enough, maybe im a drifter maybe not all i know is that everytime i try to rise above im swept away by love. Powerful as hate can be, you will always mean the world to me.

FROM YOUR LOVE

## Today's horoscope

### ♈ Aries March 21-April 20

Something will happen that compels you to question a belief or an attitude that has been a part of your life for as long as you can remember.

### ♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

You don't need the approval of family or friends or work colleagues to do what you know to be right.

### ♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

You will surprise more than a few people today by how easily you move from one set of circumstances to another.

### ♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Stay focused on your number one

objective and don't let anything else that might be going on around you tempt you off at a tangent.

### ♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

Someone will make you an interesting offer today but you need to be certain it is right for you before you accept.

### ♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22

It's kiss and make up time.

### ♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

You've been working your fingers to the bone and need to go easier on yourself for a while.

### ♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

You will be in an assertive mood today and that's good.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, visit [metronews.ca](http://metronews.ca)

### ♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Don't expect other people to think logically and act in predictable ways.

### ♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Most likely you will do something today that leaves everyone around you open-mouthed in amazement.

### ♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

You may be having your doubts about a commitment of some kind. If so you will need to make a decision today: either you pull out now or stay with it for the long haul.

### ♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Something will not work out the way you expected, but it really doesn't matter.

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